

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 422

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Maxwell D. Miller of
Bethel Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Maxwell D. Miller; and

WHEREAS, Maxwell Miller was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was born on January 25, 1935, in McNairy County to Roy Miller
and Ruby Plunk Miller; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 1954, Maxwell Miller married the love of his life, Sue
Hendrix Miller, and the pair started their life together in Michigan, where Mr. Miller worked for
the Ford Motor Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the Millers decided to move their family to Bethel Springs, where
they could raise their children on the family farm. Maxwell Miller raised livestock and grew
cotton and hybrid Bermuda grass on the farm with tremendous success, and he was featured in
several publications and hosted a farm field day; and

WHEREAS, ever the entrepreneur, Mr. Miller partnered with Bob Wood to sell clothing in
their Wood and Miller department stores. Eventually, Maxwell Miller opened his own
independent chain of stores, and he and his wife operated Miller's Department Stores together
across seven states for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, having been baptized at the age of twenty-five, Maxwell Miller was an active
and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Bethel Springs, which he served faithfully for
many years as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, and member of many special committees;
and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Maxwell Miller enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Sue Miller, and he was the proud father of Barbara Rickman, Nancy Lambert, Chris Miller, and Jonathan Miller; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, he is fondly remembered by his sister, Linda Miller Roach; his eight grandchildren; and his five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Maxwell Miller leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Maxwell D. Miller, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Miller.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.